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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: Motoshi KAWAMURA, et al.

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For: **BEARING APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING PINION SHAFT**

- ☐ This is a new patent application.
- ☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
- ☐ This is a provisional patent application.
- ☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application
☐ Divisional Application
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application
of prior Application Serial No. .
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims ___ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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- ☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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